



California Department of Fish and Game Elk Management Program 2004 Hunt Information

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GRIZZLY ISLAND TULE ELK HUNT ZONE

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR HUNT ZONE

This information has been prepared to assist elk hunters applying for, or planning to hunt in, the Grizzly Island Hunt Zone located in Solano County. The following information should be useful to general season hunters within this geographic area. Elk hunters at Grizzly Island are encouraged to bring along a non-hunting companion to assist with the hunt and act as spotter. Grizzly Island's reputation for producing large bulls is well established.

REGULATIONS

Laws and regulations are designed to conserve wildlife and to provide for an equitable distribution of game mammals. The hunter, who knows the laws and regulations, will enjoy the hunting experience more. All hunters should read and be familiar with the current hunting regulations available online at: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fg_comm/2004/mammalregs04.html.

To hunt elk in this zone, hunters must possess a Grizzly Island elk tag. This tag is valid during the general season, and hunters are required to use an appropriate method of take. All tag-holders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Hunters will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags. Season dates vary annually; thus, be sure to check the current regulations for the specific dates.

To receive a tag for this hunt, hunters must plan ahead and are encouraged to submit elk tag applications by the first business day after June 1. For information regarding elk tag application procedures and obtaining an elk tag for this area, see the Big Game Hunting Booklet, available online at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/biggamebook.html>.

Successful hunters are reminded to immediately fill out both portions of the tag and permanently mark the date of kill, where they killed the animal, attach the tag to the antlers (or ears, if Antlerless), have the tag validated and countersigned, and **return the completed report card portion to the department within one week after the close of the season. All hunters are required to return their report card portion, whether the hunt was successful or not.** Hunters are asked **not** to submit their elk's teeth in any type of plastic wrapping; instead, send it in the envelope provided.

LAND OWNERSHIP/ PUBLIC LAND OPPORTUNITIES

The Grizzly Island Hunt Zone occurs within the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, those lands owned and managed by the DFG. There is excellent opportunity for elk. This is a popular hunt because of the open, flat terrain. A high success rate (above 80 %) is anticipated for this hunt. However, the hunt zone consists only of DFG land and elk may not be pursued onto private property. Public lands within the zone are administered by the California Department of Fish & Game (DFG). For information regarding these lands, contact the following:

DFG Offices:

Grizzly Island Field Office (Phone: 707-425-3828)
Yountville Field Office (Phone: 707-944-5500)

Throughout California, additional elk hunting opportunities may exist on private property licensed through the Department's Private Lands Management Program (PLM). For more information on the PLM, the primary species managed on each PLM, and to obtain a list of participating ranches, go to following link: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/deer/plm.html>.

MAPS

For general maps detailing individual zones or additional elk hunt boundaries, go to the following link: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/elk/maps/grizzly_island.pdf

USFS maps are available at all USFS offices or you can contact the USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Office at, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA. 94592 (Phone: 707-562-8737).

BLM surface management maps may also be useful. Hunters can purchase these maps at BLM district offices or contact the BLM at 2800 Cottage Way, Room E2841, Sacramento, CA. 95825 (Phone: 916-978-4400).

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps are very helpful, especially for topographic features that are not displayed on USFS or BLM Maps. USGS maps may be available from sporting goods, backpacking, or engineering stores, or hunter can contact the USGS directly at: U.S. Geological Distribution Center, Denver Federal Center, Box 25286, Denver, CO. 80225 (Phone: 888-ASK-USGS, 888-275-8747).

ACCESS/MAJOR ROADS

Primary roadways for the Grizzly Island hunt include U.S. Interstate 80, CA Highway 12, and Grizzly Island Road.

HARVEST INFORMATION

Historical information on elk harvest for this area is available in the table(s) at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/elk/gihunt.htm>. This statistical information may be useful for the purposes of planning and/or applying for elk tags in this zone. Each table contains the specific year, number of applications received, number of tags issued, amount of elk harvested, and the percentage of hunter success for each year.